Washington, DC - Congressman Jeff Fortenberry yesterday reintroduced America' Affordable Health Care Act (AAHCA), legislation he authored to promote affordable insurance options for individuals who do not receive health coverage through their employer and create coverage opportunities for those with complex health conditions.

"Our health care system faces serious challenges," Fortenberry said. "Rising costs, chronic diseases, and lack of choices are impediments to quality health insurance for too many families in Nebraska and nationwide. Americans deserve better, more innovative policies that will lower costs and improve care while protecting our most vulnerable.

"This bill would increase accessibility, affordability, and portability of health insurance, three major challenges for Americans struggling to find adequate coverage," said Fortenberry.

AAHCA would permit insurance companies to offer policies with limited benefit mandates, called "health benefit plans." The legislation would also allow individuals to purchase personalized health plans with benefits and services they need while not being required to pay for those they do not. Individuals and families who do not receive health insurance coverage through their employer or from the government would have the option of purchasing these lower cost plans.

AAHCA also provides coverage opportunities for those with chronic health conditions, who might otherwise have difficulty finding insurance, by providing more funding for high-risk pools. High-risk pools offer insurance coverage to individuals with pre-existing medical conditions who are unable to individually obtain or afford insurance.

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